



Office of Adult Education

Using Federal Adult Education Dollars to Pay GED Test Fees

In a recent monitoring report to the Office of Adult Education, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) indicated that local programs could not use federal funds to pay GED test fees.

Application materials for comprehensive, EL/Civics, and outreach programs that were disseminated last year and posted on the Office of Adult Education's Web site for FY 2009 indicated that using federal adult education dollars to pay GED test fees was an allowable expense.

The monitoring report issued by OVAE indicated that use of federal or matching funds to pay for GED tests is not an allowable cost under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA).

Below the Office of Adult Education has revised its guidance on non-allowable costs to include GED student test fees.

NON-ALLOWABLE COSTS

The following expenses are *not* allowed with federal funds, except as noted:

- S food (except for child care snacks).
- S rent (except where applicant can document that all efforts to obtain rent-free facilities have been denied).
- S in family literacy programs, salaries of teachers other than adult educators.
- S GED examiner, testing, and GED test fees.

The following documents on the Web site were corrected earlier to reflect non-allowable costs, including GED test fees.

http://www.doe.in.gov/adulted/fed_funding_comprehensive.html

http://www.doe.in.gov/adulted/fed_funding_elcivics.html

http://www.doe.in.gov/adulted/fed_funding_outreach.html